

## **Kevin Marriott - Inductee L.F.A. - Hall of Fame June 2021**

I am pleased to share with you a brief synopsis of our Inductee - Mr. Kevin Marriott.

Like many of us in Lambton County, Kevin was born at C.E.E. Hospital in Petrolia.

Raised on the family farm on Shiloh Line in Enniskillen Township, he completed his high school education at L.C.C.V.I in Petrolia.

With his love of agriculture and his desire to further his education, he enrolled at Ridgetown College, (now the University of Guelph Campus) and graduated with a diploma in Agricultural Production and Management.

Even as a youth, Kevin was an active member of the Agricultural community, involved with beef, pork and cash crops. Today he remains an active participant, developing his farming operation not only in acreage worked, but focusing on cash crops with a centre of attention being on Identity Preserved food grade soybeans.

Always a forward thinker, Kevin was one of the first to practise No -till farming in Enniskillen Township, beginning in 1988.

Throughout the years, he has been actively involved in various groups and activities with in Lambton County. Many of them... in leadership capacities.

They have included: Being a member of the Enniskillen and Dawn 4- H Beef Club where he mentored the next generation, and went on to become a member of the Lambton County 4 H Leaders Association; he was a member of the Enniskillen

Township Jr. Farmers and director and eventually President of Lambton County Jr. Farmers and participated in many County and Provincial activities. He also served on the Lambton County Soybean Committee, the Grain Farmers of Ontario, Agriculture in the Classroom, the Lambton Soil & Crop Improvement Association and as well, the Bluewater Conservation Club.

Provincially and internationally, he has shared his devotion and dedication to agriculture in many ways.

As a Provincial Director for Ontario Soybean Growers for over 10 years; A founding Provincial Director of the Grain Farmers of Ontario. He shared his time, his knowledge and his expertise as this organization developed their mission statement and laid the foundation for future generations of farmers to work from.

On the International stage, he held a position of Director on the American Soybean Association. A great Ambassador for Canada, he helped evolve government programs that to this day, are the foundation used in lobbying our Canadian government in the growth of our commodity programs.

In 2008, he led a delegation to Japan to promote Canadian food grade soybeans. To this day, he continues to grow food grade soybeans for the Japanese market, which must be GMO free.

He has served as a Canadian Director on the National Biodiesel Board for five (5) years and was part of the Canadian Farm Debt Mediation Board panel, for a three (3) term.

His personal growth eventually prepared him for a role in the

municipal world and he was elected a Councillor for Enniskillen Township in 1994.

After serving on various committees throughout the years, he was elected Deputy Mayor for seven (7) years before becoming Mayor in 2011.

On December 2nd, 2020, he was elected the 159th Warden of Lambton County.

Regardless of his station in life, Kevin continues to support the Agriculture community as he has done for the past 40 plus years.

Kevin has always been a good friend and very approachable whenever his advice or expertise was required.

He plans to continue farming, learning, and developing farming practices and at the same time, encouraging new farmers to grow and take an active part in their agricultural community.

It is my pleasure to present to you.... Mr. Kevin Marriott- an inductee into the Lambton Federation Hall of Fame... for 2021.